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Re: Compromise and Remedy for Domestic Well Data Base

The data base for the domestic well sampling program has been compromised possibly as far back as the Summer of 1989 due to sub standard sampling procedures. We understand this compromise was not discovered through internal quality control, but was brought to your attention by the Colbert Citizen's Committee.

We understand that staff performing the sampling has been replaced and that Spokane County is working with both the consultant and the Citizen's Committee to remedy the situation. Ecology has provided initial comment for remedy in our April 26 letter. We should also like an opportunity to review the sampling field form. In order to improve the comfort level of impacted parties, we strongly recommend that the data collected during the period in question be reviewed. If possible, corrections should be made. At a minimum the review should identify questionable data. Review findings should be summarized in writing.

Ecology will be meeting with the EPA next week to discuss the the remedy. The remedy should clearly define quality control. The remedy must also assure the integrity of sampling is restored and maintained.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 438-3079.

Sincerely,

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